

Abstract

A data input apparatus including a first operating means for directly inputting numerical data and/or character data, and a second operating means for executing an operation except a direct input of numerical data and/or character data. The apparatus also includes an inducing means for inducing a user's gaze onto the first operating means by having a blinking operation when a data input is started by the first operating means. When a data input is started by the first operating means, the inducing means blinks an induction mark on and off, which represents the shape of the first operating means and the direction in which the first operating means is located.